

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 9022

October 28, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a healthcare professional licensed under the Department of Health (DOH) to provide a patient, upon receipt of a positive COVID-19 test, the following: 1) information on all available options for treatment of COVID-19; 2) informational packets regarding outpatient care; 3) transparency concerning all protocols, including repurposed medications; and 4) information on additional preventative care measures, such as diet, sleep, exercise, and basic hygiene. Requires a healthcare professional provide the patient with a vaccine information sheet if the patient chooses to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Requires the DOH to include the same information above, that is provided to a patient upon receipt of a positive test, on all departmental promotions of the COVID-19 vaccines using funds from the *American Rescue Plan Act of 2021* (Act). Requires the DOH, if allowed by the Act, to spend an equivalent amount of the funds from the Act promoting COVID-19 vaccines towards the promotion of health education, including exercise, consumption of vitamin D, and a reduction in non-nutritional foods.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$20,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- The DOH would be required to research, create, print, and distribute the informational packets and vaccine information sheets under the provisions of the proposed legislation.
- The increase in state expenditures on behalf of the DOH, in FY21-22 and subsequent years, is assumed to exceed \$20,000.
- It is unknown if the DOH can provide information on differing treatments for COVID-19, other than a vaccination, with federal funding provided through the Act to promote vaccines.
- It is unknown if the Act would explicitly authorize or prohibit a state DOH to expend state funds in promotion of health education unrelated to the Act.
- If the proposed legislation requires the DOH to expend federal funds on unauthorized promotions, federal funding could be jeopardized.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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